

Hartsbourne Herald



Hartsbourne Primary School
Hartsbourne Road
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ACHIEVEMENT BOOK: Ruby: Can support others with friendliness and good listening, gives appropriate praise and helps others.

Year 1: Jesse and Darcie have both been supportive friends to their peers this week.

Year 2: Samuel is always a supportive friend and Mason offers help in a kind and patient way.

Year 3: Finley looks out for his friends and Edie consistently works well with all her peers.

Year 4: Olly was supportive whilst refereeing a game of football and Ijahn offers support and kindness to others.

Year 5: Well done to **ALL** of Y5 for being fantastic and Sadie and Amelie for their excellent stories.

Year 6: Well done Richa and Zaynah who have been supportive friends and learning partners this week.

Please see the letter from the new Head, Mrs Harte, on Page 2. Sadly, this is my last Newsletter as Head of Hartsbourne for the last 16 years (over 600 Newsletters!) and I can hardly believe this day has arrived. Although I have lots of plans and I am looking forward to some cheaper term-time holidays, it is not without a great deal of sadness that I will be saying farewell to some wonderful children, families, and colleagues.

The road has had some bumps along the way but I can proudly say that the school has changed for the better during the past fifteen years. When I arrived at Hartsbourne there was not one stick of playground equipment, the single glazed metal windows were draughty and inoperable, the internal doors were warped, and the heating was temperamental to say the least! The local authority had evaluated the school as 'satisfactory' so there was plenty to be done!

Now, there are many pupil achievements for all of us to be proud of: our attainment is excellent (with four letters of congratulation from the Minister for Schools), two separate selections of art work for the National Gallery's Take One Picture programme, winning the Hertfordshire Y5 maths competition, the Bushey Quiz, the Commonwealth Commemoration Flag competition, MOD and lottery funding bids, the Hertfordshire Covenant Christmas Card competition - to name just a few of our successes.

Choosing to academise and join the Bushey St James Trust has also been instrumental in improving things for the children in our care; including more enrichment opportunities, improved teacher training, better transition and a guaranteed place at one of the top secondary schools in the County.

So I will close by saying a heartfelt 'thank you' for all your good wishes, cards and gifts. They say 'it takes a village to raise a child' and I believe this can be very true; you are an amazing community with some wonderful children and I will miss them all very much! Working with children is a privilege and I have been extremely lucky to do a job I love so much. I wish you all the very best of luck in the future and thank you for the opportunity to share in your child/ren's education along the way.

*With very best wishes for the future
From Valerie Hudson, Head Teacher*

EVENT	DATE
INSET & Mrs Harte (Head) starts	12.4.21
School returns	13.4.21
Statutory CP training for Head	20/21.4.21
World Earth Day	22.4.21
Y5 Maths challenge Online version!	22.4.21
Y3 Class assembly	7.5.21
Y4 Class assembly	14.5.21
Y5 Class assembly	21.5.21
Y6 Class assembly	28.5.21
HALF TERM	31.5.21- 4.6.21
Y6 Bikeability Week	7.6.21
Y2 Class assembly	18.6.21
Sports Activity Day TBC	22.6.21
Y1 class assembly	25.6.21
Travelling Book Fair	25.6.21
Y6 to BMS (TBC)	28.6.21
Rec Class assembly	2.7.21
New Rec Parents	7.7.21
Reports go home	9.7.21
Y6 Show (TBC)	19.7.21
END OF TERM 2.00PM	21.7.21

Housepoints

Fallow	200
Muntjac	202
Roe	171
Sika	189



Letter from the new Head Teacher:

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am privileged to be appointed as the new Head teacher for Hartsbourne Primary School. I am looking forward to getting to know you all and being part of the Hartsbourne community.

I wanted to have this opportunity to introduce myself to you. It is a very strange time in our lives at the moment and it means that it may take a little bit longer for me to get to know you all. Despite this, I am committed to being a visible and present member of the community. You will see me about the school physically and virtually. When guidelines allow, I look forward to holding events, including drop-in sessions and meet and greets.

Firstly, I would like to thank Mrs Hudson for working with me through the handover and transition process. I would like to wish Mrs Hudson much happiness and good luck with her retirement and hope that she will stay in touch with our school community.

As part of the Bushey community myself, I am excited to be part of another Bushey school. I strongly believe that schools should be at the hub of the local community and am really looking forward to working with you to develop this when restrictions allow.

The relationship between parents and school is instrumental in ensuring that all children achieve to their full potential. I have a young child myself and so I know first-hand how important the home/school partnership is. I look forward to working together to ensure that the children at Hartsbourne have the very best start to their education.

I wish you a safe and enjoyable break and warm wishes to those who are celebrating Easter or another Spring Festival. I look forward to welcoming all of the children back to the summer term on the 13th April.

Kind regards,

Danni Harte (Mrs)

Thank you one and all...

For your gifts, cards and kind words this half term. I am so moved by your thoughtfulness and appreciate everything you do to help us at Hartsbourne. The Friends of Hartsbourne are the best fundraising group I have ever worked with; they never forget it is about the children and not just the money.

I will miss you all so much and your children even more. Mrs Harte is lucky to be part of the Hartsbourne family and I wish her the best of luck in the future.

Kind regards, Valerie Hudson

HCC Update Re Covid 19

As we go into the Easter holidays, and some Government guidance changes around socialising outside and outdoor sport, it's so important that we don't let our guard down and increase the risk of Covid-19 outbreaks when schools return.

From Monday 29 March, you can;

- Meet up outside (including in private gardens) with six other people, or as two households
- Take part in formally organised outdoor sports with any number of people (outdoor sports venues and facilities will be able to reopen)
- Childcare and supervised activities will be allowed outdoors for all children

You and your family can continue to keep yourselves and others safe by:

- Washing your hands regularly, for at least 20 seconds with soap and warm water or using an antibacterial hand sanitiser if soap and water isn't available
- Keeping socially distanced, staying at least 2 metres away from those not in your immediate household
- Wearing a face-covering where required and when it is difficult to socially distance
- Self-isolating and getting tested if you develop symptoms or receive a positive lateral flow test (LFT) result
- Not socialising indoors with anyone who isn't in your immediate household. You're not allowed to have sleepovers or playdates, even if your child is in a school bubble
- Not sending children back to school ill or with symptoms of Covid-19 after the Easter break – if your child is sick, please keep them at home

If your child is in Y7 or above and taking regular LFT, you should encourage them to continue to take these and report results as normal during the Easter holidays. If they receive a positive test at home, everyone in your household must begin self-isolating immediately and you need to book a PCR test to confirm the positive result. Any positive tests received up until 1 April, should be reported to your school so that they can complete the track and trace process with the Public Health team.

Babies and children in early years settings, nurseries, infant and primary schools should not be taking LFT, please don't do home tests on younger children. If you are worried about small children or they develop symptoms, please seek advice from your GP or call 111.

Thank you again for playing your part and helping to keep our schools safe and open for face to face learning.

We wish you all a safe and happy Easter.
Hertfordshire County Council

CAMHS Critical Assessment and Treatment Team regarding information for all families and young people to contact the helpline when in mental health crisis instead of attending A&E.

If you're child or young person in a mental health crisis:

The NHS and our local hospitals are really busy at the moment, so if you're experiencing a mental health crisis, *the quickest way to get help at any time of the day or night is to call our freephone number: 0800 6444 101, or call NHS 111 and select option 2 for mental health services.*

In the case of **serious illness or injury, dial 999** for emergency services

If you are already using our services

If you are already receiving support from us and need help please contact: Your care co-ordinator on the number provided to you or if you need help in the evening, weekend or bank holiday call **0800 6444 101**.

Email: hpft.spa@nhs.net for non-urgent enquiries and a range of self-help information.

Live webchat service

If you'd prefer to speak online, click on the SPA red button. This service is available Monday-Friday, 7am-7pm.

Alternative Contacts

Samaritans Tel: 116 123, 24 hours a day, every day

Childline Tel: 0800 1111 via 1-2-1 chat between **7.30am and 3.30am every day**.

HOPELINEUK (papyrus): Tel: 0800 0684141 Text: 07786209697 Email: pat@papyrus-uk.org, 10am-10pm weekdays, 2pm-10pm weekends and bank holidays.

Most referrals to our services are made by GPs

If you are experiencing mental health problems and need help please speak to your GP (family doctor). They will discuss the issues you are facing and refer you to our services, if appropriate. To register with a GP in your area go to www.nhs.uk.

If your child tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) please notify us as soon as possible so we can complete the relevant tracking and tracing process with public health, if required, and notify any other children or staff who have been close contacts and who need to self-isolate.

During the holidays you should contact parents@hartsbourne.org.uk.

Remember as soon as your child or any member of your household develops symptoms, they must start self-isolating immediately and book a test. The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- A high temperature
- A new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- Loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If you're not sure whether symptoms suggest COVID-19 or an everyday cough or cold, you can consult this online NHS symptom checker: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>.